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SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHAD

REF: STATE 183292

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS LEBRUN TOLD
US AUGUST 5 THAT BELGIAN DECISION ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHAD
HAD NOT YET BEEN TAKEN FORMALLY. INFORMALLY, AND PENDING DECISION
BY VACATIONING FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET, THE BELGIAN DECISION
IS NEGATIVE.

2. LEBRUN REVIEWED FOR US THE HISTORY OF BELGIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE
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TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND STRESSED THE FOLLOWING FACTORS WHICH LED
UP TO HIS NEGATIVE RECOMMENDATION TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER.

(A) MILITARY ASSISTANCE IS NOT WELL REGARDED IN BELGIAN
POLITICAL CIRCLES.

(B) BELGIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE (LARGELY PERSONNEL FOR

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE) HAS BEEN LIMITED TO THOSE AFRICAN COUNTRIES FOR WHICH BELGIUM ONCE HAD RESPONSIBILITY, I.E. ZAIRE, RWANDA AND BURUNDI.

(C) THERE IS NO SPECIAL BELGIAN-CHADIAN RELATION WHICH MIGHT SERVE TO CAUSE THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT TO REVIEW B ABOVE.
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(D) FRANCE HAS NOT INTERVENED WITH THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT (TO THE BEST OF LEBRUN'S KNOWLEDGE) TO PRESS CHAD'S CASE FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

3. LEBRUN PROMISED TO INFORM US WHEN SIMONET ACTED ON RECOMMENDATION. WILL ADVISE. CHAMBERS

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